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Question. **C** A N you tell me, Child, who made you?

Answer. The great God, who made heaven and earth.

Q. What doth God do for you?

A. He keeps me from harm by night and by day, and is always doing me good.

Q. And what must you do for this great God who is so good to you?

A. I must learn to know him first, and then I must do every thing to please him.

Q. Where doth God teach us to know him and to please him?

A. In his holy word, which is contained in the Bible.

Q. Have you learned to know who God is?

A. God is a spirit; and though we cannot see him, yet he sees and knows all things that we do, and he can do all things.

Q. What must you do to please God?

A. I must do my Duty both towards God and towards man.

Q. What is your duty to God?

A. My duty to God is to believe in him, to fear and honour him, to love and serve him, to pray to him, and to praise him.

Q. What is your duty to man?

A. My duty to man is to obey my parents, teachers, and masters, to be respectful to my superiors, obliging

obliging to my equals, to speak the truth always, and to be honest and kind to all.

Q. What good do you hope for by seeking to please God?

A. Then I shall be a child of God, and have God for my father and my friend for ever.

Q. And what if you do not fear God, nor love him, nor seek to please him?

A. Then I shall be a wicked child, and the great God will be very angry with me.

Q. Why are you afraid of God's anger?

A. Because he can kill my body, and he can make my soul miserable in hell for ever after my body is dead.

Q. But have you never done any thing to make God angry with you already?

A. Yes, I fear I have too often sinned against God, and deserved his anger.

Q. What do you mean by sinning against God?

A. To sin against God is to do any thing that God forbids me, or not to do what God commands me.

Q. And what must you do to be saved from the anger of God, which your sins have deserved?

A. I must be sorry for my sins, I must pray to God to forgive me what is past, and endeavour to serve him better for the time to come.

Q. Will God forgive you if you pray for it?

A. I hope he will forgive me, if I trust in his mercy, for the sake of what Jesus Christ has done, and what he has suffered.

Q. What is prayer?

A. An earnest calling upon God for any mercy we want.

Q. May every one be said to pray, when he reads prayers or repeats them by ear?

A. No, because true prayer is the desire of the soul, and not the labour of the lips.

Q. Do you know who Jesus Christ is?

A. He is God's own Son, who came down from heaven to save us from our sins, and from God's anger.

Q. What has Christ done towards the saving of men?

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A. He obeyed the Law of God himself, and has taught us to obey it also.

Q. And what has Christ suffered in order to save men?

A. He died for sinners who have broke the law of God, and who deserved to die for themselves.

Q. Where is Jesus Christ now?

A. He is alive again, and gone to heaven to provide a place there for all that serve God and love his Son Jesus.

Q. Can you of yourself love and serve God and Christ?

A. No, I cannot do it of myself, but God will help me by his own Spirit if I ask him for it.

Q. Will Jesus Christ ever come again?

A. Christ will come again, and call me and all the world to account for what we have done.

Q. For what purpose is this account to be given?

A. That the children of God, as well as the wicked, may all receive according to their works.

Q. What must become of you, if you are wicked?

A. If I am wicked, I shall be sent down to everlasting fire in hell among wicked and miserable creatures.

Q. And whither shall you go, if you are a child of God?

A. If I am a child of God, I shall be taken up to heaven, and dwell there with God and Christ for ever. *Amen.*

A Morning Prayer.

GLORY be to thee, O God, who hast mercifully preserved me from the dangers of the night past, hast refreshed my body with sleep, and raised me up to the light of a new day! Grant that I may spend this day in thy fear, and to thy honour. Keep my body from evil, and my soul from sin. Help me to love thee with all my heart, and my neighbour as myself. And when it shall please thee to take me out of this wicked world, receive me unto thyself in thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.—Our Father, &c.

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An Evening Prayer.

PARDON me all my sins, O gracious God, that ever I have committed against thee in thought, word, or deed; and accept my thanks for all thy mercies. Preserve me from the dangers of the ensuing night; refresh my body with moderate sleep; and, if it be thy blessed will, raise me up in health and strength to a new day, and with a new resolution to live to thy glory through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.—Our Father, &c.

A Grace before Meat.

SANCTIFY, O Lord, we beseech Thee, these thy good creatures to our use, and us to thy service, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

A Grace after Meat.

WE bleſs Thee, O God, for theſe thy benefits; make us, we beſeech Thee, truly thankful for them, and all thy other mercies, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, Amen.